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POWDER BLAST KILLS THIRTY IN **DUPONT WORKS**

Mysterious Blast of Four Tons in Company's Plant Near Wilmington Fatally Injures Seven More.

BUILDING IS BLOWN TO PIECES

Flesh of Victims Found Hanging to Trees in Neighborhood of Disaster.

MOST OF DEAD YOUNG MEN

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 30 .-Thirty workmen were killed and seven fatally injured today in a terrific explosion of about four tons of black powder at the Upper Hagley yard of the Dupont Powder company. It was the worst accident that has occurred in any of the company's plants in a quarter of a century.

The cause of the blast is not known. According to a statement issued by the company the origin "probably will always remain a mystery." Nevertheless a most severe investigation has been instituted by the officials of the company, and every employe who was near the building that was blown to pieces was put through a thorough examination in the hope that some clue as to the cause might

There was the usual rumor afloat that some outside agency fay have caused the explosion, but Dupont officials said tonight there was not a shord of evidence upon which to hang any theory.

Nearly All Young Men. Nearly all the victims of the blast

were young men between 16 and 21 years The greater number of them lived in and about Wilmington,

The explosion occurred in a packing house where black powder pellets are prepared for shipment. These pellets are used for rifle and other purposes, much of the powder, if not all, being shipped to the warring nations. The packing house was situated in a valley along the historic Brandywine creek, and was one of a large group of small buildings which make up the Upper Hagley plant of the Dupont company about three miles northwest of the city.

It was 1:30 o'clock when a slight explosion was heard in the neighborhood, followed by another one a trifle heavier, which was quickly succeeded by a terrifle blast that not only rocked the whole valley, but shook and startled Wilming-Workmen ran from every building packing house stood and when the cloud for the act of throwing. disappeared there was only a big hole

Flesh Hanging from Trees Workmen who survived the tremendous

blast said the scene was one of horror. From every tree left standing in the neighborhood there was hanging either pieces of flesh or parts of clothing worn by the unfortunate men.

Twenty-six men were in the packing house when the powder went off and not enough of any of them was left for identification, with the exception of Allan A. Thaxter, the foreman, whose home is given as Portland, Me. He was torn to pieces and a part of his body was found hanging on a tree across the creek. It was identified by shreds of clothing.

For more than a quarter of a mile parties worked desperately tonight to about the scene of the explosion the penetrate the workings of Mine No. 2 of ground was strewn with arms, legs and the Boomer Coal and Coke company, bits of flesh. Even the trees across the where an explosion caused by a blowout Frandywine were hung with ghastly shot occurred here today. Three hundred fragments. One workman who rushed to miners were at work at the time, but help at whatever rescue work there was mine officials declared that all but forty to do spied an arm floating down in the had been accounted for. Other reports. rapid current of the creek and fished it however, said that more than twice that out with a stick. Two horses caught in many had been trapped by the blast. the blast were torn to pieces and one large section of one of the animals was entrance to the mine at 6 o'clock this hurled fore than a quarter of a mile.

Four Blown to Pieces, Four of the thirty workmen killed were blown to pieces while at work outside the occurred. Early reports said that fire racking house. They were Mace, a was raging in the mine, but rescuers de-

The Weather

Occaba Yesterday.



Comparative 1915. 1914. 1913. 1912. 28 49 51 52 Highest vesterday. Lowest yesterday. Mean temperature. Precipitation Temperature and precipitation depart-res from the normal:

Normal temperature 25
Deficiency for the day 15
Total deficiency since March 1 152
Normal pecipitation 62 inch
Deficience for the day 62 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 27.74 inches
Deficiency since March 1 10 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1944 2 50 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1943 6.81 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Temp. H'gh-Rain 7 p. m. e t (a) Station and State of Weather.

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s Moines, cloudy...
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ndor, clear... North Fratte show 8
Omaha, clear 8
Pueblo, clear 8
Rapid City, clear 8
Sait Lake City, pt. cloudy 4
Santa Fe, clear 42
Sheridan, show 90
Boux City, clear 38
Aslentine, clear 34

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

SECRETARY OF THE FARMERS



S.B. Grinnell

Grand Island Fire Cracker Damage

case was a rather peculiar one. On now it is a matter of conjecture with fatrons of the saloon began throwin; met by these resolutions in the state fire crackers. The owners of the saloo; Farmers' congress. stepped it, and even sont the young men, who were thus celebrating, cut of their place of business in a manner n. surface. A G. Wolfenbarger of Lincoln, dicating that their return was in lesiratle.

There is in force a city ordinance prohibiting the sale of crackers more than three inches in length, or one-half inch ject of prohibition. in diameter. One of the young men concerned, however, returned to the saloon with a large cannon cracker hidden in a paper sack, but with the fuse lighted. He threw the same in front of two strangers, who had come into the c.ty from ancannon cracker exploded immediately in lutions are to be introduced. front of these men, rebounding, and one

Scores Are Missing After 300 Entombed By Mine Explosion

BOOMER, W. Va., Nov. 30.-Rescue

Ten miners were rescued from a subevening in a semi-conscious condition. When revived they said they had seen many men apparently dead a short distance from the point where the explosion (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.) nied this. The fans were not affected by the explosion and are being kept in op-

John Bertalle, one of the rescued mint ers, said that seventy-five men were Omaha at the appointed time." working near the place where the explosion occurred. He was badly bruised Clara Mason, principal of the Train by flying debris, but was able to make his way to a sub-entrance.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR OFFICERS TO CHICAGO

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN Nov. 30 .- (Special.) - Secre tary William R. Mellor of the State Board of Agriculture, who is president of the cessions of the state fair and was joined the fair association, who lives in Fre-

Others who will attend the allied agricultural meetings in Chicago are Senator J. A. Ollis of Ord, member of the execusociation of Red Polled cattle; E. Z. Russell of Omnha, treasurer of the National Duroe Breeders' association and others.

STEPHENS IS DELEGATE TO RED CROSS MEET

(Fro a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN. Nov. 50 .- (Special.) -- Governor Morehead, not as governor, but as president of the Nebraska Red Cross soclety, has appointed Congressman Dan an hour. Aside from being a little lame, Stephens of Fremont as a delegate to the Colonel Presson is not harmed and was national Red Cross congress, which meets on duty this morning, but still wonders if in Washington December 8.

PROHIBITION BOMB TO BE THROWN INTO FARMER C' CKESS

ague Delegates Are Ready Ask Convention to Go On Record for State-Wide Law.

ASK SUFFRAGE PLANK, ALSO

Odell Tells Women to Stay at Home and Attend to Babies and Leave it to Him.

WHITMORE TALKS AGAINST DOGS

The bomb has been set and the fuse lighted for a statewide prohibition resolution to be introduced in the Nebraska Farmers' congress during its present session at the Hatel Rome

Woman suffrage is also to be injected into the convention in the hope that a favorable resolution can be passed for this propaganda. Suffrage workers among the women are not on the ground, however. It is understood that a delegation of women wanted to appear and make a lot of speeches, but that Frank G. Odell told them to remain at home Suit Compromised attending to the wants of the babies hands.

GRAND ISLAND, Nov. 30 .- (Special.) - The National Farm congress, in ses-The recent \$10,000 damage suit sgain t sion in Omsha a few months ago, did Axt & Paulsen, owners of a o a' pass resolutions favoring prohib'tion and saloon, has been settled by the defend- woman suffrage both. This was somewhat ants for \$2.0, and the costs, \$5. The of a surprise to many at the time, and Fourth of July, a year ago, several of the many whether the same success will be

> Antis on Band As for prohibition, the signs are on the prominent anti-salcon league man, is a delegate and managed yesterday to get himself heard on a number of subjects, though thus far he has avoided the sub-F. A. High, district superintendent of

also on the ground, sitting in a seat thumbing his hat nervously, although he did not demand the floor, for he has no credentials and is not a farmer Support for and against the two propoother point in the state, where they had sitions is being marshalled among the been working in the harvest field. The delegates against the day when the reso

the Anti-Saloon league for Nebraska, was

Objects to Farm flows. cracker, and the eye was so injured that it had to be removed. While the name of "killer" dogs were under discussion. NOCALES, Ariz. Nov. 20 - 111. the man who threw the cracker, and was Whitmore declared that he had taken thus entirely responsible for the injury, advantage of the law that sanctions the and shack in the wide area which the was known, there was never an effort to killing of dogs that kill sheep. "I believe we have killed twenty of the neigh of smoke rose from the spot where the cracker, nor was there any prosecution dogs," he said, "since we have been rais- lawed Mexican leader, has gone ining sheep. Get a gun, and put guns in same, according to reports received The damage suit against the saloon the hands of your men with instructions men and their bondsmen was once tried to the men to kill any dogs seen in the in the district court, and the jury dis- pastures. Why, a dog is a nuisance on report, based apparently on stateagreed. It is said that ten of the turors the farm as compared to domestic ani- ments of prisoners, also says that were for a verdict of no cause for ac- mals, end I am killing them without any Villa's present whereabotus are untion, while two were in favor of a judg- hesitancy. I served notice years ago on ment of \$2,000. The suit was to be tried my neighbors for five miles around the again this term, but has now be n dis- I would kill any dog at any time seen in have done so. The law permits it. Do it." rundred Villa soldiers were management surveys for Nebraska, of culture, illustrated profits and losses on the farms during the afternoon session (Continued on Page Three Column Five.)

Helen Keller to Come to Omaha

The announcement that Helen Keller, the celebrated blind, deaf girl, was to sail with the Ford Peace party, caused a little stir of excitement locally, since Miss Keller is scheduled for a lecture at the Boyd theater January 25. It was feared that she would not return in time to keep

her lecture date. Late Tuesday afternoon the following communication was received from her manager: "If the Peace Ship does not strike a mine, Helen Ketler will be ready for her January appointments. You may essure the public that she and Mrs. Anna ullivan Macy, her teacher, will be in

This message was received by Miss school, who is managing the local end of the lecture for the Teachers' Annuity and Ald society.

COLONEL PRESSON FELLED BY A SPEEDING CYCLIST

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Nov. 30. - (Special.) - "He National Association of Fairs and Ex- light another day" is a saying pertaining positions, left Lincoln today to attend to war, and it may also apply to a certhe annual meeting of that hody in Chi- tein motorcycle rider who ran into Colby Hiram Myers, superintendent of con- sesterday afternoon and ran away with- meeting. out stopping to see how much of the in Omaha by President Joseph Roberts of dimity which is carried around by Colonel Presson, because of his connection with executive headquarters and the fact that

e is a preacher, was ruffled. The colonel, though passing the good ripe age of 75 summers and showing all tive toard of the fair; Charles Graff of the appearance of only half that number Bancroft, president of the national as- of winters, is a pretty spry sort of a personage, but he was hardly quick enough to get out of the way of the motorcycle fiend and was struck in the region where his lunch reposed and was thrown to the pavement.

Several people ran to his assistance, but he arose to his feet and, without stopping to answer questions of whether he was hurt, demanded that assistance be rendered the motorcyclist. However, he was not in sight, having passed around the next corner, going seventy-five miles he knocked any paint off the motorcycle.

LATEST PHOTO OF PRESIDENO WILSON AND HIS FIANCEE, taken at entering their auto at the Army and Navy foot ball game last week.



FRANCISCO VILLA

Outlawed Chief, His Army Defeated and Scattered, Said to Have Lost Mind.

here today by General Obregon. The known.

General Dieuguez's victory at Hermo the United States Department of Agri- Magdalena, while 200 more gave up their ments. armr today at Llane.

by the use of the charts he has made up ing those commanded by General Jose the afternoon session. Rodriguez, are declared to be demoral ized and are surrendering in small groups. Their trains with two locomotives were reported to have been abandoned at Magdefena, fifty-four miles south of Nogales and 122 miles north of Hermosilla,

After Peace Trip High School Spirits Must Change Name

The High School Spirits, who school officials.

At a meeting of the teachers' committee of the school board last night Mr. Graf reported that the spirits had admitted violating a rule of the board that tary of State Pool, who will send the dances must not bear the name of the information, which is found in the stathigh school, and the committee unheld utes and other state documents. him when be declared he intended to take

Protest Made by Fruit Prolucers

A committee of twenty producers and fruit growers of various parts of the state met at the Rome hotel yesterday afternoon and decided to have a subommittee draw up a formal protest to the State Railway commission against who fights and runs away may live to the arbitrary ruling of the Burlington and Union Pacific forbidding peddling from freights cars.

C. H. Gustafson of Meade, representing cago next Monday. He was accompanied onel J. H. Presson of the governor's office the Farmers' union, was chairman of the

STOP LOFE IN THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST

Omaha extends a cordial welcome to the delegates to the National Farmers' Congress. Omaha is the market town for the most productive farming country in the world and appreciates the value of everything that helps for agricultural betterment.

GERMAN STEAMSHIP IS DRIVEN INSANE OFFICIALS LOSE OUT

Court Rules Against All Motions Made in Behalf of Four Men Charged with Conspiracy.

DEFENDANTS BEGIN THEIR CASE

NOGALES, Ariz., Nov. 30.—His for the four Hamburg-American line have ordered the aldvance of Russian forces defeated and scattered by the for the four mannuary to de-carranza army of General Dieguez, at ceive and defraud the United States. case which the government has presented by witnesses against them, and lost every point of their conten-

Federal Judge Howe, presiding at the trial, heard the argument in the absence of the jury. Judge Howe denied the de fendant's motion to strike from the any one of my forty pastures. And I sillo is said to have been complete. Three record all testimony concerning the chartering and movements of the steamer Prof. H. F. Williams in charge of farm wounded after the buttle. Six hundred Marina Quesada and, an hour later, over- Hungarian government has informed Amwere said to have surrendered south of ruled a motion to dismiss all the indict-

> The motion to dismiss denied, the de-The remainder of Villa's forces, except- fense opened its case at the beginning of steamship Ancona. Advices to the State

French Government Asks About Land Laws And Aliens in State

(rFom a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Nov. 30 .- (Special Telegram.) That the French government is interested in the land laws of Nebraska and about to give a dance, must change their ownership of the same by aliens was name, or they will be very much "in evidenced today when Governor More that complete and detailed information bad" with Superintendent Graf and other head received a communication from Secretary of State Lansing stating that the French, government desired some information along that line.

The matter was turned over to Secre

The Day's War News

PRISREND, CLOSE TO the Albanian the Bulgarians. OCCUPATION OF MONASTIR by the

fluigarians is expected shortly. The Serbian government is now installed at Scutari, Albania, TWO-HOUR BOMBARDMENT German positions on the Belgian

in a news agency dispatch from Amsterdam. POTAL LOSSES of the British In all fields of the war since the beginning of hostilities total approxi-

mately 600,000. REECE IS AWAITING reply from the entente powers to its proposal that the respective general staffs define the military features of the allies' resulrements, according to an Athens disputch.

the British secretary of state for war, is back in London from his extended trip to the near cast. QUIET HAS PREVAILED on the

IR JOHN FRENCH, commander of the British forces on the western front, pald one of his rare visits to vegle Peace movement in this state, was London resterday and conferred today invited by Henry Ford to take the with Premfer Asquith.

COCHIN DISAGREE

Berlin Report Says British Earl and French Minister Presented Two Propositions to Greeks.

BERLIN, Nov. 30 .- (By Wireless to Sayville.) - Differences of opinion arose between Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, British secretary for war, and Denys Cochin, French minister without portfolio, when they met in Athens recently, the Overseas News agency says. A press dispatch from Athens, by way of Budapest, given out by the news agency, asserts Earl Kitchener desired Greece to enter the war with the allies, where M. Cochin merely asked safe passage for French and British troops which might retreat from Macedonia to ern Serbia, near the Albanian bor-Greek territory.

"This explains why Premier Skouloudis office. has dwelt upon the sympathy which Greece feels for France," the news agency continues. "Earl Kitchener, considering that the game was jost, went to Italy to request assistance for the British in Egypt which now seems to be the only untry which interests England, after the Bulkan failures."

King Constantine Defended. The position taken by the entente allies as reflected in the semi-official statement issued in Paris to the effect that the landing of troops at Soloniki was not a violation of Greek territory, hours. s contradicted by the Overseas ..ews

Reports from various sources concerning French and British threats against Greece fall to clear up the situation, the agency says. "However, the general tone of the news from French and British sources indicates clearly that Greece has been asked to renorme its sover-

"Attempts of justify this course are all in vain M. Venizelos, the former premier, had not the right under the constitution to sanction the landing of troops at Saloniki. The Greek constitution states, to fresh action, in clause 99 that the parliament is the only body which possesses the right to decide such questions. Therefore King Constantine is merely defending the integrity of the constitution against a con-"The French and British attempts to compet a small neutral nation to con- standstill. sent to the measures taken, prove that

the entente thinks might is right." Great Unrest in Persia. BERLIN, Nov. 30.—(By Wireless to tivity, Sir John French, commander-in-Tuckerton.)—"Great ungest is spreading chief of the British forces in France and throughout Persia, according to the latest Belgium, reports successful British air reports," says the Overseas News Agency, attacks on the German positions along Numerous tribes are marching in the (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.) direction of Teheran in order to protect

the shah against Russian brutality. commanding the Persian police because of their loyalty to the Persian ruler."

Austria Asks Time To Compile a Formal Report on Ancona

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.-The Austrobassador Penfield at Vienna that it desires more time to compile a formal statement regarding the sinking of the Italian department today say the Austrian government has encountered difficulties in obtaining a statement from the com-

mander of the submarine. The statement of the Austrian government will contain answer to inquiries regarding the circumstances of the disaster which Ambassador Penfield submitted upon instructions of Secretary Lansing.

Officials of the State department make no attempt to reconcile this new development with the formal statement issued by the Austrian admiralty, which was presented to the State department several days ago. It was, however, taken by officials of the State department to mean Moore will then telegraph President Wilhad not been received by the admiralty when the recent statement was issued.

Dyras Made Colonel To Aid Hun at Front

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Nov. 30,-(Special.)-By the issuance of a commission as colonel on the staff of the governor of Nebraska, this state will have a representative at the front in the European war in the person of Victor Hugo Dyras, author, lawborder and just of the important yer and publicist, who was born in Wilserbian towns in the path of the ber in 1890, graduated from the law deinvaders pushing the Serbians partment of the University of Nebraska westward, has been captured by and of Columbia university, and who studied at aeveral universities in Europe. He was judge of the Cristobal district court of the Panama canal zone and vice consul to Russia in 1914.

In his request for a commission he asks for a captaincy in the National Guard. but instead the governor makes him a solonel on his personal staff. He gives coast, from Zeehrugge to Ostend, as his reasons for the request that he deby a British squadron is reported sires to go to the front as a journalist and a commission as a military officer will give him prestige and open the way to a better service. He calls attention to the fact that other states have commissioner men along the same line

The commission is on its way to Khar kov, Russia, where Colonel Victor Hugo Dyras now resides.

IOWA UNIVERSITY HEAD REFUSES T OSEND MAN

IOWA CITY, Ia., Nov. 30.—(Special Tel-FIELD MARSHAL Earl Klichener, ogram.)-President Thomas H. MacBride of the University of Iowa has refused to send a student on the Henry Ford Peace expedition, according to an announcem here today. President MacBride gave as Franco-Belgian front, according to his reason that the space of time was too short in which to select a man.

Edward Adams of Algona, ia., who last summer took an active part in the Car-

SERBS RETIRE IN GOOD ORDER FROM MONASTIK

ANSWERS ENTENTE STATEMENT Army Evacuates the City Practitally Intact After Covering the Retreat of the Civil Population.

ITS UNITS ARE REORGANIZING

Although Teutons and Bulgars Hold Nearly All Serbia the Army is Still Unbroken,

CAMPAIGN NOW AT STANDSTILL

BULLETIN. BERLIN (Via London), Nov. 30. -The capture of Prisrend, in westder, was announced today by the war

LONDON, Nov. 30 .- Monastir, in southern Serbia, has been evacuated. Serbian troops having accomplished their purpose in delaying the encmy's advance until the civil population of the town had time to escape, have now left the city, and according to reports are retiring in good order. Bulgarian occupation of the town is apparently a matter of only a few

Though the Austro-German and Buigarian campaign in Serbia is described by the central powers as finished and though practically the whole of Serbia is in their possession, they have not acmplished, according to the general belief here, the more important aim of entirely crushing the Serbian army. Though lefeated and worn out in their conflict. against overwhelming odds, the Serblan forces are said to be still unbroken and undemoralized and are reported to be reorganizing their units on the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers, preparatory

Either bitter winter weather has retarded the central powers in their proposed new enterprise against the Franco-British troops in the Strumitz region, or the rapidly developing Russian menace spiracy, which shows that repreaches from the direction of Roumania has directed against him have no just basis, caused them to abandon it. In any event their campaign has recently come to a

> Activity on Other Fronts. Other fronts during the last forty-eight hours have shown generally revived ac-

President Writes Toast to Panama-Pacific Exposition

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 30.-President Wilson's International toast to be offered at the adjournment of the "Gathering Nations," at noon on closing day December 4, at the Panama-Pacific exposition in the Court of the Universe was made public here today. Efforts are under way to have the toast given simultaneously in various parts of the United States and in many cities of other parts of the world at 12 o'clock noon San Francisco time.

The toast follows: WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D. .- The Panama Pacific International

C.—The Panama Pacific International Exposition:
Which in its conception and successful accomplishment gave striking evidence of the practical genius and artistic taste of America:
Which, in its interesting and unusual exhibits afforded impressive illustration of the development of arts of peace; and, Which, in its motive and object was, eloquent of the new spirit which is to unite east and west and make all the world partners in the common enterprises of progress and humanity.

President of the United States.
As the president's message is read to

As the president's message is read to the assemblage wireless flashes will be sent out from the exposition wireless tower, notifying the world. President son an appreciative response,

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